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$20,000 to State Politicians

Who Got Hughes' Money

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Exclusive billing as the How-ard Hughes [illegible] almost $20,000 in campaign money to California politicians this year, using a Sacramento lobbyist to parcel out the money, according to official campaign spending reports filed with the Secretary of State's office.

Major beneficiaries of the donations were Republican Governor Ronald Reagan and Democratic Senate Majority Leader George R. Moscone of San Francisco, who received $2500 each in funds from Hughes distributed by lobbyist Donald K. Brown.

Lesser amounts were reported given to 22 other California politicians, including $500 to San Francisco Mayor Joseph Alioto, $500 to former Assembly Speaker Bob Moretti, and $500 to Senate Leader James R. Mills (Dem-San Diego).

The money was delivered by Brown as treasurer of the "Donald K. Brown Committee," according to records filed in the office of Secretary of State Edmund G. Brown Jr., the Democratic gubernatorial nominee.

Edmund Brown said he refused a contribution from lobbyist Brown "because I don't accept campaign contributions from lobbyists."

Hughes made a $750 contribution to the campaign of Republican gubernatorial nominee Houston I. Flournoy, but that donation was made March 12, 1973, and does not appear on the most recent spending report.

Flournoy campaign aides said the donation was made by Howard R. Hughes who gave his address as the Exxon Building in Houston.

Brown is a registered lobbyist in Sacramento, accredited as a representative of Anthony Industries, Inc. of Southgate in Los Angeles county and Sayre & Fisher Co. of Maryland, Mo.

Until July 3 of this year he also lobbied for the Mullen Co. of Washington, D.C., a public relations firm that employed E. Howard Hunt, convicted Watergate conspirator, after Hunt left the Central Intelligence Agency.

Hughes contributed to Reagan by purchasing tickets for a GOP-fund raising dinner in Los Angeles, which brought some $400,000 into Republican coffers for use in various legislative races.

"That dinner was sponsored by the Republican State Central Committee as a fund-raiser for candidates throughout the state," said Reagan press secretary Clyde Walthall. He said there was "no way" Reagan could know the contribution originated with Howard Hughes.

A Moscone aide said a check for $2500 from Donald Brown came in "sometime early this year," after Moscone dropped out of the Democratic race for governor. John Jervis, Moscone's press aide, said he doesn't know what happened to the money, but speculated it went either into Moscone's Senate re-election campaign spending or was put into the races of several recently elected Democratic state senators.

Lobbyist Brown said: "We have compiled with the law. I am a registered lobbyist. I have nothing to hide."

The bipartisan contributions included donations to five black Democratic Assembly members, $500 to Newton Russell, an unsuccessful Republican incumbent Assemblyman from Burbank, and $1000 to Los Angeles County Assessor Phillip Watson.

In addition to contributions to individual political campaigns, Brown contributed $1000 to the Assembly Republican caucus and $300 to the Senate Democratic Caucus. He also made a $700 donation to "out-of-state candidates," not further identified.

Here is a list of the Hughes-Brown contributions to individual campaigns and the amount donated:

Reagan and Moscone, $2500 each.
Mills and Moretti, $500 each.
Alioto, $500.
Assemblyman [illegible] Miller (Dem-Emeryville), $250.
Assemblyman [illegible] Holoman (Dem-Los Angeles), $250.
Assemblyman [illegible] (Dem-Los Angeles), $250.
Assemblyman [illegible] (Dem-Los Angeles), $250.
Assemblyman Julian [illegible] (Dem-Los Angeles), $100.
Russell, $850.
Assemblyman [illegible] (Dem-Rialto), $300.
Los Angeles County supervisorial candidates Peter Schabarum, John Ferraro and Ed Edelman, $2000 each.
Watson, $1000.
Assembly candidate Art Torres of Los Angeles, $500.
Campbell Democratic Committee Assembly, $2000.
Orange county supervisorial candidates David Baker and Ralph Clark, $500 each.
Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge John Ramsay Klein, $100.
[illegible] Barbaro's supervisor campaign, $300.
[illegible] Johnson, Los Angeles City Council candidate, $100.
Lieutenant Governor Wilson (Republican-Chino), $100.